

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

In a radio communication terminal, a  
microprocessor determines a mode selected by user  
manipulation of a key input portion. The  
5 microprocessor turns on a backlight of a display with  
the backlight in accordance with the determined mode,  
controls the time period of a bright display mode, and  
turns the backlight off after the lapse of the period  
to switch the bright display mode to a dark display  
10 mode. The ON time period in the bright display mode  
is set longer in another mode than in a normal mode.  
The backlight ON time is optimally controlled in  
correspondence with a mode selected by the user,  
thereby improving the operability and prolonging  
15 the service life of the battery.

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